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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| | | | or Section 30(n) of the investment Company Act of 1940 | | | | | |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------|----------|---|-------------------|---|-----------------------|--|--|
| 1. Name and Add <u>WELCH M</u> | Iress of Reporting | Person* | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>LAKELAND FINANCIAL CORP</u> [LKF | | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to (Check all applicable) X Director 10% | | | |
| (Last) 6 LONGWOO | (First) | (Middle) | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 07/30/2010 | | Officer (give title below) | Other (specify below) | | |
| | | | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | 6. Indiv Line) | vidual or Joint/Group Fil | ing (Check Applicabl | | |
| (Street) ELKHART | IN | 46516 | | X | Form filed by One Re Form filed by More th | | | |
| (City) | (State) | (Zip) | | | Person | | | |

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | Transaction Code (Instr. | | 4. Securities A Disposed Of (5) | | | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--|---|-----------------------------|---|--|---------------|-------------------|---|---|---|
| | | | Code | v | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | | |
| Common Stock | 07/30/2010 | | Α | | 250 | Α | \$ <mark>0</mark> | 39,950 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | 1,650 | Ι | By Spouse |

Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transa Code (8) | | | | 6. Date Exerc Expiration Da (Month/Day/) | ate | 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) | 10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---|---|--|---|------------------------------|---|-----|-----|--|--------------------|---|--|---|--|--|--|
| | | | | Code | v | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | | | |
| Phantom Stock | (1) | | | | | | | (3) | (2) | Common Stock | 15,549 | | 15,549 | D | |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy) | \$ 6.8125 | | | | | | | 01/09/2006 | 01/09/2011 | Common Stock | 2,000 | | 2,000 | D | |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy) | \$17.185 | | | | | | | 12/09/2008 | 12/09/2013 | Common Stock | 1,000 | | 1,000 | D | |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy) | \$24.05 | | | | | | | 05/14/2013 | 05/14/2018 | Common Stock | 1,000 | | 1,000 | D | |

Explanation of Responses:

1. Each phantom stock unit exersises into 1 share of Common Stock.

2. Phantom shares expire after the directors' retirement as a Board member.

3. Phantom stock is exercisable after the directors' retirement as a Board member.

Teresa A. Bartman, Attorney-

in-Fact

08/02/2010

** Signature of Reporting Person

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).

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